

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:11-CR-00182-F-1

No. 5:12-CV-00432-F

ROLANDO REYES-GARCIA,                     )  
  Petitioner,                     )  
  )  
  v.                                     )  
  )  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                )  
  Respondent.                )

ORDER

This matter is before the court on Rolando Reyes-Garcia's Motion to Re-Open [DE-39]. Although not crystal clear, Reyes-Garcia appears to argue that this court should reconsider its July 24, 2012 Order [DE-34] dismissing his § 2255 motion, in light of the Supreme Court's holdings in *Vartelas v. Holder*, 132 S.Ct. 1479 (2012), and *Descamps v. United States*, 133 S.Ct. 2276 (2013).

In *United States v. Winestock*, 340 F.3d 200 (4th Cir. 2003), the Fourth Circuit held:

[A] motion directly attacking the prisoner's conviction or sentence will usually amount to a successive application, while a motion seeking a remedy for some defect in the collateral review process will generally be deemed a proper motion to reconsider. Thus, a brand-new, free-standing allegation of constitutional error in the underlying criminal judgment will virtually always implicate the rules governing successive applications. Similarly, new legal arguments or proffers of additional evidence will usually signify that the prisoner is not seeking relief available under Rule 60(b) but is instead continuing his collateral attack on his conviction or sentence.

*Id.* at 207 (internal citation omitted). The court finds that the instant Motion to Re-Open is a "successive" motion. The court further finds that Reyes-Garcia has not shown that he has obtained permission from the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to file the motion. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2255(h) ("A second or successive motion must be certified as provided in section 2244 by a

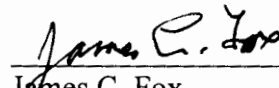
panel of the appropriate court of appeals.”).

In light of the foregoing, Reyes-Garcia’s Motion to Re-Open [DE-39] is DISMISSED.

The court concludes that Reyes-Garcia has not made the requisite showing to support a certificate of appealability. Therefore, a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

This, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2014

  
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James C. Fox  
Senior United States District Judge